

The European Union



Use Chapter 1 from this document:

“The European Union: A Guide for Americans”

<http://www.eu-un.europa.eu/documents/en/guideforamer2011.pdf>

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS21372.pdf>

(these links are on the wikispace) to respond to the following questions:

1. Define the EU.

What is its purpose?

2. Give a brief history as to how it came about. (How or why?)

3. List its previous names. (Earlier in its history)

4. How many members are there?

5. Which country presently holds the position of “Presidency of the Council of Ministers” (EU Presidency)?

6. Which of these members are part of East Europe we talked about in class?

7. How many official languages are spoken within the EU?

8. What are THREE benefits of membership in the EU?

9. Name 2 criteria for countries to be eligible for EU membership?

10. What are SIX countries that are considered candidates for EU membership?

*How long until they are full EU members?

(Use these links to help answer question 11)

http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/assistance_eu_ms/index_en.htm

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/europe.htm>

11. Country - LIST 4 countries that the EU has had to bail out (assist) by giving (loaning) money to it.

Amount - How much has each of these countries received?

Country

Amount

Population Density

Fill in chart and

Directions: Use the data in the bar graphs to calculate the population density of each area.

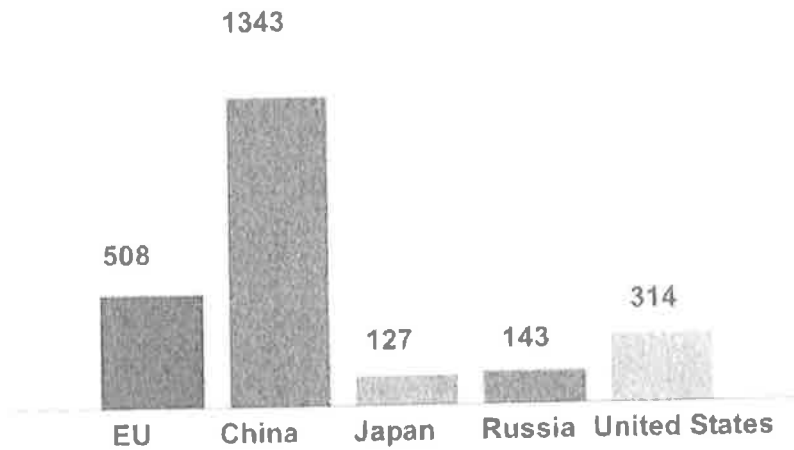
	Land Area	Population	Population Density
European Union			
China			
Japan			
Russia			
United States			

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Look at the following maps for comparison.

1. How would you rank the the EU in size compared to the others? Why?
2. What are 2 similarities between these maps?
3. Describe 2 diffences between these maps.
4. What sticks out to you as unique or interesting when you look at these maps?



Comparative Size Data**EU Population in the World****Population in millions, 2013****Land Area****Surface area. 1 000 km²**